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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Anil K. Lalwani, MD

*Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice.
It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.*
William Jennings Bryan

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In 2015, the American Neurotology Society reaches an important milestone: its 50th birthday. With a history of remarkable service, dynamic present, and an even brighter future, it is indeed a time to celebrate. It is my good fortune and an honor to serve as President of ANS as we reflect on our past and plan for the future.

At its half-century mark, ANS is characterized by superb educational program, stable administration, and financial security. Over the past five decades, ANS has reached new heights in meeting its mission of education by offering outstanding CME programs characterized by presentation of cutting edge basic, clinical and translational research, vibrant panels, and lively debates. Similarly, ANS has matured organizationally with superb administrative staff that is responsive to the needs of our membership. Finally, this past year, ANS reached its financial goal of having endowment fund of \$1.5 million — an amount deemed necessary to support its administrative needs in good times and bad. With this goal reached, ANS can now look to a financially secure future where new opportunities are endless.

While the past has been characterized by progressively greater success, we must plan for an even brighter future. Thus, we celebrate ANS's 50th birthday with the launch of several new initiatives (described in this newsletter) that will lead us to a dazzling future:

- **ANS Research Grant:** In 2015, ANS will offer its first stand-alone research grant! The ANS Research Committee, chaired by **John Oghalai, MD**, has been busy drafting the research guidelines and finalizing the research application. The start date of the first grant to be funded will be July 1, 2015.
- **Launch of ANS Fundraising Campaign:** To make sure that we will always have the funds to support this grant mechanism, ANS is launching its first fundraising effort. **Hilary Brodie, MD**, our immediate Past-President, has agreed to spearhead a fundraising campaign to endow a research fund with the goal of raising \$250,000. To succeed, we will need your help in reaching this goal so that we may fund innovative research that will in turn help us take better care of our patients.
- **Securing the Future:** The organization is only as healthy as its membership and its future is dependent on the success of its young members. To nurture the development of the Society's youngest members, ANS is creating the ANS Young Members Group. ANS members **Maura Cosetti, MD** and **Erika Woodson, MD** serve as Co-Chairs of the group and have organized its first "lateral networking" event to follow the Super Saturday program in Orlando.

While focusing on our future, we have not forgotten the present! Our Fall meeting — fittingly called "Super Saturday" — offers an unparalleled educational forum that spans the full spectrum of neurotologist's clinical domain of cochlear implants, facial nerve, gamma knife, and clinical and basic research. The Rizer Lecture will be delivered by Karen Avraham, PhD, entitled "*Discovery of Genes for Hearing Loss: Will it Help Our Patients?*" and immediately followed by the panel "*What's New and Hot*," that will update us on the progress of ongoing human clinical trials.

I look forward to welcoming you to ANS Fall Meeting in Orlando and our 50th Anniversary celebratory festivities at COSM.

Warm regards,
Anil

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“Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present”

Albert Camus, Nobel Prize for Literature, 1957



This year the American Neurotology Society will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of our society. The funding reserves of the ANS have steadily increased over the years. We are now at a level where we can begin to fund otologic/neurotologic research initiatives, thereby fulfilling one of the primary missions of our great society: the advancement of otologic and neurotologic knowledge.

In order to sustain this research funding, we are pleased to announce the 50th Anniversary Research Fund initiative to coincide with the celebration of our society’s milestone anniversary. Our goal over the next year will be to raise \$250,000.00 from our membership and from industry partners.

Proposed donation levels will be as follows:

IT Therapy Level	\$500.00
Gamma Knife Level	\$1,000.00
Cochlear Implant Level	\$2,500.00
Skull Base Surgery Level	\$5,000.00
Neurotologist Level	\$10,000.00 or greater

As a first step, the fundraising committee is currently being formed, and is actively recruiting volunteers who can support this initiative. Please contact me habrodie@ucdavis.edu or Kristen Bordignon administrator@americanneurologysociety.com if you would like to volunteer to make this effort a success.

Warmly,
Hil Brodie

The American Neurotology Society Launches Research Grant



We are pleased to announce that the ANS will fund a new research grant. The ANS Research Grant will provide \$25K for one year of support.

The purpose of this grant is to encourage and support academic research in sciences related to the investigation of otology and neurotology. Appropriate areas of research include diagnosis, management, and pathogenesis of diseases of the ear and/or skull base. Grants that focus on addressing clinical gaps are especially encouraged. Grants may involve cell/molecular studies, animal research, or human subjects research.

Grants are available to physician investigators in the United States and Canada only. The application deadline is Jan 31st of each year with funding to begin July 1. Full instructions and the application form can be found at the ANS website.

Inquiries should be directed to John Oghalai, MD, Chair of American Neurotology Society’s Research Committee at joghalai@stanford.edu.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Oghalai, MD

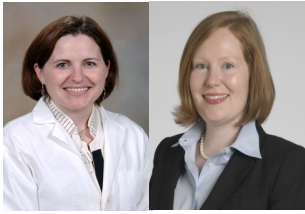
ANS Membership E-Mails for Survey or Studies of interest to the membership:

The ANS has been receiving multiple requests for mass e-mailings and Surveys and Questionnaires to the membership over the past few years. We realize that our membership has unique expertise which can further our societal objectives of professional education and advancement of neurotology; the sheer number of requests was concerning and the criteria for accessing the membership email list was scrutinized. The topic was considered at the last ANS Executive Council meeting, and the Council wished to provide our membership access to all of the possible information that they would like without having our mass e-mail become an ineffective tool because of the proliferation of notifications and invitations for meetings or studies.

Beginning with the last Council meeting at the COSM in May 2014, the ANS will initiate Biannual email “blasts” to the membership to include announcements, invitations to participate in studies and email surveys of interest to the society. The emails will be on or about May 1 and October 1 annually.

Please have your requests for inclusion of surveys or membership queries in this group email to the ANS membership list to Kristen Bordignon, our ANS Administrator by April 15 or September 15 for inclusion in the subsequent email “blast.” Please include a brief introduction and the link to the survey.

Creation of a Young Members Group *Inaugural Event*



The ANS Executive Council has approved the creation of a Young Members Group, tasked with addressing the interests and needs of neurologists in the early portion of their careers. Members include any ANS Fellow or Trainee member within 8 years of graduation from fellowship (based on the criteria used by the Young Physicians Section of the AAO-HNS, which states any member within the first eight years of professional practice after residency and fellowship training is eligible).

During 2013 and 2014, an Ad-Hoc committee disseminated an electronic survey to individuals within this cohort and identified a range of professional and practice gaps appropriate for this group including practice building, managing/creating neurosurgical relationships, reimbursement issues, research collaborations and manufacturer negotiations. Additionally, increased opportunities for networking, mentorship and ANS committee involvement was requested.

Now a standing committee, the ANS is sponsoring an inaugural Young Members lateral networking event following “Super Saturday” on September 20th. This will occur at 6:00 p.m. at *Cuba Libre* Restaurant, a short walk from the Hyatt. (Please note, attendance requires an RSVP to the electronic invitation.) If you are eligible and did not receive the electronic invitation, please contact Maura Cosetti at mcoset@lsuhsc.edu

In addition to networking, this event will solicit specific feedback from attendees regarding future events (lecture topics, formal mentorship program, AAO course/ mini-seminar development, ANS education and program development.) We hope that this group will provide a more formal venue for young member involvement in the ANS.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura Cosetti, MD
Erika Woodson, MD
Co-Chairs

A special thank you to Group Mentor, Dr. Larry Lustig and Committee members: Drs. Alex Bien, Laura Brainard, Matthew Bush, Dan Coelho, Richard Gurgel, Selena Heman-Ackah, Joseph Ursick, Betty Tsai, Mary Ying, and Daniel Zeitler

ANS WELCOMES 23 NEW & 25 TRAINEE MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome the following colleagues as members of the American Neurology Society. The Candidates were introduced during the 49th annual ANS Business meeting on May 17, 2014 in Las Vegas by Dr. Hilary Brodie and Dr. Alan G. Micco, Chair of the Membership & Credentials Committee. In addition, 15 Associate members were upgraded to Fellow. 25 Trainee member applications were approved this year. Applications for membership are due November 15, 2014 for consideration and induction in Boston, MA on April 24, 2015. Applications and instructions can be found on the ANS Website or request by email to administrator@americanneurologysociety.com

2014 NEW MEMBERS

Kyle P. Allen, MD- Tampa, FL

John W. Ayugi, MB, ChB- Nairobi, Kenya
Adam M. Cassis, MD- Morgantown, WV
Wade W. Chien, MD- Potomac, MD
Edward I. Cho, MD- Los Angeles, CA
Rodney C. Diaz, MD- Sacramento, CA
Elizabeth A. Dinces, MD- Scarsdale, NY
Andrew J. Griffith MD, PhD- San Diego, CA
Hernan Goldsztein, MD- Bethesda, MD
Kevin S. Hadley, MD- Aiea, HI
Huseyin Isildak, MD- Hummelstown, PA
Daniel Jethanemest, MD- New York, NY
Romain E. Kania, MD, PhD- Paris, France
Elina Kari, MD- Studio City, CA
Matthew L. Kircher, MD- Maywood, IL
Mia E. Miller, MD- San Diego, CA
Aaron C. Moberly, MD- Columbus, OH
Howard S. Moskowitz, MD, PhD- Bronx, NY
Brian D. Nicholas, MD- Syracuse, NY
Angela S.Y. Peng, MD- Clearwater, MN
Wayne T. Shaia, MD- Henrico, VA
Weiru Shao, MD, PhD- Worcester, MA
Sean R. Wise, MD - Carlsbad, CA

2014 TRAINEE MEMBERS

Theodore McRackan, MD
Mohammad Seyyedi, MD
Candice C. Colby-Scott, MD
Jacob B. Hunter, MD
J. Seth McAfee, MD
David R. Friedmann, MD
Jason A. Beyea, MD
C. Alexander Ashford, MD
Candace E. Hobson, MD
Pelin Kocdor, MD
Rahul Mehta, MD
Joshua G. Yorgason, MD
Venkatarthikeyan Chokkalingam, MD
Jonathan K. Frankel, MD
Sachin Gupta, MD
John C. Heaphy, MD
Emily N. Hrisomalos, MD
Shawn Li, MD
Yi Chun C. Liu, MD
Evan R. McBeath, MD
Sami J. Melki, MD
Ryan S. Nord, MD
Jason E. Thuener, MD
Yvonne Y-W Tsui, MD
Catherine C. Weng, MD



ANS FALL SCHEDULE at-a-glance

**"Super Saturday", September 20
Hyatt Regency - Orlando
Regency Ballroom V**

Facial Nerve Study Group
7:00 - 8:00a.m.

Stereotactic Radiosurgery Study Group
8:10 - 9:50a.m.

William House Cochlear Implant Study Group
10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Lunch Break - box lunch provided for ANS members
12:00 - 12:30p.m.

ANS Business Meeting
12:30 - 1:00p.m.

ANS Scientific Program
1:00 - 5:15 p.m.

ANS Young Members Inaugural Event
6:00 - 8:00p.m.
Invited guests only-RSVP required

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Tuesday, September 23
ANS Mini-seminar

"Managing the Unexpected in Otologic Surgery"

The Mini-seminar led by Dr. Ashkan Monfared will take place from 8:00 - 9:20 A.M. in the Orange County Convention Center. Participants include Drs. Nikolas H. Blevins, Anil K. Lalwani, Lawrence R. Lustig and Debara L. Tucci.

CALL FOR PAPERS

AMERICAN NEUROLOGY SOCIETY

50TH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
Sheraton Boston/Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA
April 24-25, 2015

Deadline for abstract submission:
October 15, 2014

Please visit the ANS website for submission instructions

Awards Available
Nicholas Torok Vestibular Award (\$1500)

Trainee Award
(\$1000)

Neurotology Fellow Award
(\$500)

SAVE THE DATE!
ANS PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
"GOLDEN GALA"
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015

NEW THIS YEAR! Beginning January 1st, 2015, you may now use your credit card (MasterCard or VISA) or a *bank account (eCheck) to pay your ANS annual dues online via the ANS website with our secure online electronic merchant, Authorize.net. Alternatively, you may pay your dues by mail, email, or FAX as you have done in the past.

Dues statements will be sent *electronically* on January 1st, 2015, payable by March 31st. If you have not already done so, please provide a current email address to the ANS Administrative office without delay. Hard copies will be available upon request by contacting Ashley Westbrook, ANS Administrative assistant.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS & FAX

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Established in 1999, the **ANS/AAO-HNSF**
Herbert Silverstein Otolaryngology and Neurotology
Research Award was established by ANS
member, Dr. Herbert Silverstein, MD, and
receives additional support from the ANS and
the AAO-HNSF. The \$25K award is given in even
years. This year's recipient is:
Dylan Chan, MD, PhD
University of California, San Francisco, CA
PROJECT: Gap Junctions in the Cochlear
Response to Sound and Noise in Vitro
